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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PEPR, EAIR, UNFICYP, CY
SUBJECT: POSSIBLE UN USE OF NICOSIA AIRPORT

REF: NICOSIA 1325 (DTG 230531Z MAY 78)

1. UN SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE (SRSG) GALINDO-POHL
CONTINUES TO WAIT FOR A FORMAL TURKISH CYPRIOT REPLY TO THE
PROPOSAL TO OPEN NICOSIA INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT FOR UN
USE BUT HE AND HIS DEPUTY, GORGE, WERE TROUBLED BY THE
CONVERSATION THEY HAD JUNE 5 ON THIS SUBJECT WITH
TURKISH AMBASSADOR ONHON. ONHON SAID HIS EMBASSY HAD
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JUST COMPLETED A MAJOR STUDY OF THE AIRPORT PROJECT
AND WERE RECOMMENDING TO GOT THAT ANY OPENING OF
NICOSIA, EVEN FOR UN-USE ONLY, MUST INCLUDE AN ARRANGE-
MENT TO LINK LARNACA AND ERCAN AIRPORT WITH NICOSIA FOR
EXCHANGE OF FLIGHT SAFETY INFORMATION.

2. GORGE POINTED OUT TO US THAT IF TURKISH EMBASSY

POSITION IS ADOPTED AND IF IT MEANS THERE MUST BE RADIO CONTACT BETWEEN NICOSIA TOWER, LARNACA AND ERCAN, GOC WILL CERTAINLY TURN PROPOSAL DOWN AS IT WOULD IMPLY INTERNATIONAL RECOGNITION OF ERCAN AIRPORT AND ADVISORY AIRSPACE CONTROL.

3. IN REPORTING JUNE 5 CONVERSATION TO NEW YORK, GALINDO-POHL AND GORGE PUT THE BEST LIGHT ON THE SITUATION BY NOTING THAT ERCAN AND LARNACA AIRPORTS COULD BE KEPT INFORMED OF UN AIRCRAFT MOVEMENT UNDER TERMS OF REFTEL PROPOSAL BY UN MANAGEMENT INFORMING GREEK AND TURKISH CYPRIOT LIAISON OFFICERS OF AIRCRAFT ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURES. LIAISON OFFICER IN TURN COULD KEEP APPROPRIATE CYPRIOT COMMUNITY AUTHORITIES ADVISED. THIS WOULD MEAN NO CHANGE IN STATUS QUO AND SHOULD PROVIDE SATISFACTORY SAFETY.

4. IN OUR CONVERSATIONS WITH TURKS AND TURKISH CYPRIOT OFFICIALS ON THE AIRPORT QUESTION WE WILL EMPHASIZE NEED TO AVOID ANY LINKAGE WITH POLITICAL PROBLEM OF RECOGNITION OF ERCAN. IT WOULD BE HELPFUL IF U.S. OFFICIALS IN WASHINGTON, NEW YORK AND ANKARA FOLLOW SIMILAR LINE WHEN SUBJECT ARISES.

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